

WTWG Minutes for Tuesday, May 31, 2005 at 1:30 PM

Bob Barwin	Dave Brown
Jack Carpenter	Tom Cowan
Dar Crammond	Stuart Crane
Justin Harter	Perry Harvester
Carron Helberg	Stan Isley
Chris Lynch	Joe Mentor
Tom Monroe	David Murillo
Kelly McCaffrey, by phone	Lisa Pelly
Tom Ring	Jim Trull
Ron Van Gundy	

Meeting was called to order at 1:35 PM by David Murillo. DM stated that the transfers have reached the cap of 50,000 AF. All future new transfers will have to be reviewed by Reclamation with this cap in mind.

DM called for comments or corrections on the previous minutes, with Jack Carpenter wanting a clarification of his statements concerning the wording of the Pendente Lite Order. JC stated the following needs to be added: no matter what the Q is, if the water is coming from the main stem or a tributary, it needs to be measured; and second, the districts should be only in the right of way. With no other comments, DM declared the minutes approved.

The next agenda item is the proposal 2005-33 from Justin Harter. JH passed out the rental information and further explained the rental process. Perry Harvester was satisfied with the accounting information which shows CU. The group further discussed a question raised concerning if there was not any accounting, and the impairment issue. Jack Carpenter asked is it going on classified irrigable acres. Tom Ring discussed the CU – neutral after a discussion of Consumptive Beneficial Use, and summarized that it clearly is in the box. The group gave this proposal the thumbs-up recommendation.

Bob Barwin elected to make the Pendente Lite Order next on the agenda. BB stated this is version IV, and thanked Dar Crammond for his help. The group discussed: if everyone has a right, they have to measure; and if several are grouped together and the combined cfs is 1 or more, they need to report to Ecology. BB explained this order is supplemental to the original first order. The rule defines how to report, with variances by Ecology on a case by case basis. This establishes the framework for measuring and reporting. Joe Mentor asked “when will it go forward?” BB said he wanted it ready for the newsletter so it can go before the judge.

The next agenda item is the new transfers for WWT, 2005-40 to 48. Lisa Pelly explained that transfers 47 and 48 are really 2005-08. Carron Helberg said she would update the spreadsheet to reflect this. Chris Lynch wanted to know what the adjustment for the drought year was on the WIG calculation. BB discussed the rational. LP state she wanted to go to court on July 14<sup>th</sup> with these proposals. JC commented that the river is

lower than he has seen it, at this time of year, than in previous years. CL commented that the NF will be delivered when it is there. The group wanted to know if transfers 40-46 were for 5 years or for this year. LP explained they were written for 5 years. While the group was reviewing the transfers, LP passed out an updated map to the group. The group discussed the WIG calculation for the long term versus this year. Reclamation stated they need time to evaluate these transfers from an operational standpoint. Since they are not going to court until July 14<sup>th</sup>, Reclamation felt this was adequate time to review them. It seemed that WIG + 5 is needed since it is a drought year. CL asked if the numbers are average numbers for the five years. LP said they could come back with separate numbers. Stan Isley felt there is a good change for water this year and said that LP was trying to simplify this work by asking for a 5 year transfer. The group continued to discuss how it will affect Parker and the Teanaway River Basin. The group agreed to review these proposals next Monday, June 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.

The Post 1905 above the reservoirs issue was the next agenda item. DC talked about the transfer 2005-39 of US lands. The numbers are figured on WIG +1.33, which are a prorated WIG + 2. It totals 20.5 AF and more than covers the mitigation above the Potts water right. It will be placed in the state water trust with the ability to get it back out, and to administer the out of priority water rights. DC would like to send out letters to notify the affected parties. DC will resend the proposal to all and will have it ready for June 23<sup>rd</sup> water day. DC wanted to discuss this at the next meeting.

The group discussed future scheduling of meetings. The next meeting will be June 6th at 10:30 AM, before the River Operations Meeting.

With no further topics, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.